

EXCITEMENT at Bartholomew County Fair Grounds, Columbus, Indiana at the Columbus Scottish Festival shows Scott Verbus (from Ohio) becoming a world champion in the heavy weight over bar event. Scott threw a 42-pound weight (seen above) 17 Feet 3 Inches and that is a new world record. You can't see the top of the bar in this picture because I was too close to get Scott and the bar in the same frame. But you can see the weight as it flies upward and over the bar. Scott is of Clan Hay.

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We Are The Scottish Society of Louisville...

Established in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to enrich the cultural lives of members in the Kentuckiana area.

The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish Ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious affiliation.



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From The President Bruce Wilson

We had a good turn out for the September meeting. Hopefully, we can keep the attendance at that level.

First, I hope you all had a chance to vote for someone for the Alex Rose Award. If you haven't, time is running out, as we will give the award at the auction in November.

As to the auction, everything seems to be coming together. I hope you all can enjoy the auction along with us at the Celtic Pig restaurant. Anyone who wants to go, but cannot drive at night, or for some other reason, please contact someone on the board, and we will do our best to get you a ride.

For those who did not get to the meeting in September, we had a good one. John Dickson gave a very nice presentation about the life of Samuel Seabury, who was a Loyalist during the Revolutionary War and later became America's first bishop. He led a very interesting life, to say the least. Thanks again, John, we really enjoyed your talk!

Hope you all can come and join us at the next meeting. We would love to see ALL of you.

Sincerely, Bruce Wilson





RECORDING SECRETARY
Linda Wilson

General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2019

President Wilson opened the meeting at 7:07 PM with 35 attendees. Mr. Wilson asked if there were any visitors this evening. As there were none, he moved on to the business meeting.

Mr. Wilson then asked for approval of the August 2019 General Membership Meeting minutes. There being no discussion, a vote to approve the minutes was called for and obtained. Mr. Wilson then read off the list of September member birthdays, and we sang "Happy Birthday".

The Heritage Committee update was given by Vice President Jim Hughes, with two applications so far for the September 30th deadline, for a total of \$400 requested. There was a question about who has already received the Alex Rose Award, and Jim gave us the list to date; Marleen Bailie, Jim Hughes, June Wallace, Jenny Dickson, Pat Schweitzer, John Dickson, Gary Schweitzer, and Janice Beatty. In order to vote, email Sanford Berenberg at alexroseaward@scotsoflou.com.

Cheri Eskridge provided the totals for both the General Fund and the Heritage Fund. She reminded us that Burn's Night will be January 25th, 2020. Pat Schweitzer made a motion to accept the report, and Janet Beatty seconded. The membership voted to accept the Treasurer's report.

Membership Commissioner Annie Rivers updated our membership totals; there are 70 family memberships, 70 life members, and 43 individual memberships. There was a motion to accept the report, seconded, and approved by the members. She also reminded members to contact her if they need an SSL lanyard.

Electronic Commissioner Damien Burns is moving into a new house, and there was no report. However, it was pointed out that Mr. Wilson needs to ask Damien to send out an email blast to members to remind them of the Alex Rose Award, and how to vote for their candidate.

Pat Schweitzer stated that there are no upcoming events for the Clan McFritz.

Celtic Commissioner Robbin Goodin reminded us of upcoming events. We have a kirking at the Okolona Presbyterian Church in Louisville on October 27th, and another at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Albany, IN on November 10th.

There will be a FUNdraiser on October 29th at 5:30 PM, and another FUNdraiser on December 30th as well, more details to come.

U of L is still having a celebration of the 70th anniversary of their International Center, but the place and time are

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being changed. It will be held on November 21st, and they will let us know when a site has been chosen.

Robbin also said that we have been invited to set up our tables and tent at Shakespeare in the Park next summer; we can also sell tickets and advertise other fundraisers while we are there. This was met with considerable approval by the membership.

As Program Commissioner, Robbin told us we will have Halloween Stories in October; the auction and refreshments at the Celtic Pig Restaurant in November; and no meeting in December. Upcoming 2020 programs include Cooking Scottish Sweets in January with Carol Moffat, and More Heraldry with Robbin, Jack Bowling and Timothy Spaulding in February. Voting takes place in March, followed by Haiverin and Blather-skating.

Robbin also reminded us that the Buffalo Trace tour is this Saturday, September 28th. Those going need to get to the distillery in Frankfort by 9:45 AM for the tour.

At this time, Sanford Berenberg, past president, gave a short presentation of information about Active Heroes, a veteran's group of which he is a member and officer. They want to put on Scottish Games in part of Bernheim Forest, the money raised to be used to support veterans and prevent suicides in that population. They are planning on having their first annual event on October 3rd, 2020. We are invited to participate in whatever way we would like. Mr. Wilson mentioned that LG&E is planning to run an underground gas line and a road through the forest. Sanford says they are aware of this, and several groups are fighting the attempt in court. In the meantime, an events pavilion is under construction; veterans can use it for free when it is finished. There are also 147 acres available to use for the games. There was a question about insurance for the event, and Sanford told us that Active Heroes has the insurance already. For any other questions or comments, Sanford can be reached at <u>alexroseaward@scotsoflou.com</u>. Member At Large Dianne Holland commented that this is a great opportunity for us, too. The event will draw people from several counties, giving us an opportunity to reach many more people who might be interested in their Scottish heritage. She also feels that we need to support Sanford and the Active Heroes in their cause to prevent veteran suicides.

Judy Stubbs announced that she has been following up on business donations. She said that Trader Joe is considering whether to donate a number of jars of peanut butter to the Strathmoor Church, which supports the Portland Avenue Community Trust. She also reminded us that the \$20 we are charging is for invited guests from the Irish Society of Kentucky, the AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians), and the Scottish Rite of Kentucky, not for members of the Scottish Society.

Robbin added that we should all keep an eye out for opportunities to add to these donations, as she had some work done at a frame shop, and just in talking about the auction while she waited, she received a \$50 gift certificate. She suggested that we ask everywhere we go.

Jack Bowling, our auctioneer, reminded us to bring some nice things this year for the auction, not just clean out the garage or attic.

Mr. Wilson adjourned the business meeting, and we broke for refreshments; Melissa brought some lovely food for us from the Celtic Pig.

After refreshments, John Dickson presented "Samuel Seabury". John took a few minutes to talk about how valuable it has been for him to be involved in our events. He first became interested in Seabury at a Kirking a few years ago.

He began by giving us background into the causes of the American Revolution; the Intolerable Acts, and the Punitive Acts. He described these in detail and their effects on the colonists. These led to the 1st Continental Congress; Georgia, Pennsylvania, and New York were Pro-Loyalist, and the other colonies were evenly split. The Virginia delegates were very vocal; Patrick Henry, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe.

Alexander Hamilton and Samuel Seabury were about the same age, and well educated, but had very different backgrounds. Hamilton was an orphan, raised by a businessman. Seabury was the son of a priest in the Church of England and became an ordained minister in the Anglican Church. One would write an essay, and the other would write a rebuke, which led to dueling essays and articles.

During the War, Seabury was arrested and prevented from conducting his ministries for 6 weeks. When he was released, he went to New York City and was made Chaplain of the King's Regiment.

After the War, the Anglican clergy started the Episcopal Church. Seabury was elected to be their first bishop. He had to go to England to be ordained. This took him

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about 16 months, as he had trouble finding a sympathetic church. He finally found one in Scotland and was consecrated in Aberdeen on the condition that he adopt the Scottish Rite of Holy Communion. His Scottish consecration alarmed Parliament and led to legislation allowing foreign clergy to be consecrated in England.

John took a moment to show us how England's flag came about; it is the crosses of St George, St Andrew, and St Patrick superimposed on each other to make the Union Jack. He ended with a video clip of a scene from "Hamilton". We loved his very informative and thoughtful presentation.

The meeting was adjourned by President Bruce Wilson at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Wilson





By Robbin Goodin Regional Celtic Commissioner

Fall greetings to all.

We had a good turnout for the Columbus games and what GORGEOUS weather!!! Cool and sunny and a beautiful blue sky. Great people at the table helping all who happened by. Jeff Forbes and I were delighted to present the Joyce Deddens Dancer of the Day award to Leah Hensley. (Photo on Right) It was so fun to watch a bit of the dancing. These kids are amazing. Next year I want to see more. And exciting news for my clan...A Clan Hay member set a world record in his event on Sunday! Woohoo! Way to go Scott Verbus. (See Photos Page 1 and next page) Thanks to Jeff, Judy, Janice, Robbin, John and Jenny for volunteering.

And the Central KY Highland Games in Eminence had the same feel. Beautiful weather. The SSL tent was packed all day. It was disappointing not to be around the games events, as they changed the set up this year. But the people were certainly there, and so glad we were. We did not present the Piper of the day award as they did not hold the competition. Hopefully next year or at another event later. Thanks to Bruce, Linda, Mary, Janice and Robbin for volunteering.

And last but not least our tour of Buffalo Trace Distillery was FABULOUS! Our Guides name was Eugene. So full of Kentucky history and facts. We had a small but mighty SSL contingent there. We found out also that they have 7 different tours, so we will schedule another one for another day. Lunch at the Firehouse Café was also superb! Hope you can join us on our next tour.

Thank you all for making these events a success. We could not do it without you!

Hope to see you at the upcoming events in October. Check your calendars friends.

Peace to all, Robbin



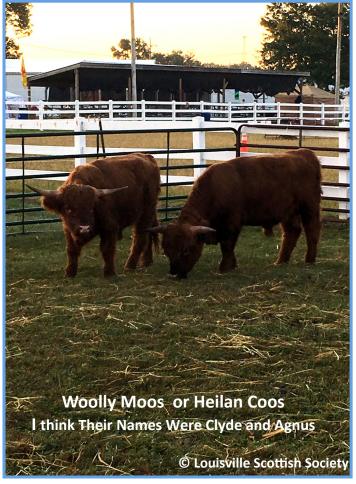


Joyce Deddens Dancer of the Day Award presented by Robbin Goodin and Jeff Forbs to Leah Hensley.



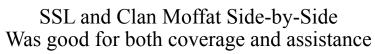
Columbus Scottish Festival

















Central Kentucky Celtic Festival and Highland Games.

Bruce, Linda and Janice helping people find their Scottish Roots.

Janice's grandsons, (Left to Right) Finley Lyles and Greyson







Alex Rose Award Nominations October 31st Deadline

The Scottish Society of Louisville

Board at the recommendation of Sanford Berenberg, President at that time, established the Alex Rose President Award in 2011 to honor the Society's Founding President and recognize the extraordinary contributions to the Society by an honoree

The award recognizes an outstanding Society Member who has demonstrated a pattern of contribution over a sustained period and whose contributions are widely recognized for helping the Society thrive.

Nominations are reviewed and members of Alex Rose's Family select the honoree. The award is presented at the annual dinner and auction benefitting the Heritage Fund on November. 26, 2019

Any member can nominate an honoree by filing out the Nomination Form or by requesting a nomination form at a regular meeting.

Please submit your nomination today. If you fill out the nomination form online, please email it to alexroseaward@scotsoflou.com by clicking on the submit button. Click Here to go to online form. If you decide to print the nomination form, you can type your information into the appropriate space, then print the nomination form and mail it to Scottish Society of Louisville, P.O. Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232 or by delivering it in person to our Society President at a regular meeting.



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Publication deadlines: Please submit all information to me by the 28th of each month for the next monthly issue. If there are problems or questions contact me at 859-221-9037 or

eMail at John Moffett

Membership Update

Annie Rivers reported

Visitors: None

Membership as of September Meeting: We had 35 people attend.

New members: No new members

- **70** Family Memberships
- 43 Individual Memberships
- 70 Lifetime Memberships
- 183 Members Paid





Peanuts To Peanut Butter A Food

-Miracle in a Jar. Bring your

Jars of Peanut Butter to the

Dinner & Auctions at Celtic Pig in

Support of Portland Avenue

Community Trust



SAVE THE DATE

The Scottish Society of Louisville Invites You To Attend



Burns Dinner & Gala

Saturday

January 25, 2020

6:00 PM Woodhaven Country Club 7200 Woodhaven Road Louisville, KY 40291

Get Ready to Party!

Tickets: \$45/person (non-refundable)

Watch SSL Website and Newsletters for more details.



October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
] Edyth Wheeler	2 Wayne Mains	3 Wendell Brown	4 Jason Goodin	5
6 Dan Bailie	7	8 7:00 PM SSL Board Meeting	9 June Fahey	10]] Gary Schweitzer	12 INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES AND FESTIVAL
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16 Camille Helminski Lynne Yule- Bowmen	17	18 Peter Matallana Linda Wilson	19 Debra Walker
Full Moon 20 Cherri Eskridge		227:00 PM SSL General Meeting, "HALLOWEEN STORIES" Scott Robinson	23	24	25	26
27 "FUN"DRAISER at Kingfish Restaurant	28	29 Angie Gray	30	31		

October Birthdays				
1-Edyth Wheeler	6-Dan Bailie	16-Lynne Yule-Bowmen	20-Cherri Eskridge	
2-Wayne Mains	9-June Fahey	18-Peter Matallana	22-Rosemary Fields	
3-Wendell Brown	11-Gary Schweitzer	18-Linda Wilson	29-Angie Gray	
4-Jason Goodin	16-Camille Helminski	19-Debra Walker		
Is your name is missing from our birthday list? Contact Anne Rivers at membership@scotsoflou.com to have your date added.				

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Full Moon On THE 12TH				1	2 Jim Barr
3 DAYLIGHT SAV- INGS TIME ENDS	4	5 ELECTION DAY	6	7	8 Judith Bennett Lyle Graham	9
10 KIRKING" – 10:45 AM, at the Okolona Presbyterian Church	11 VETERANS DAY	12 7:00 PM SSL Board Meeting Dianne Holland	13	14 Sam Bracken Irene Stuart	15	16 Bruce Campbell Caroline Mills
17	18 Debby Pope	19	20	21 Jyll Stuart UOFL 70 TH ANNIVERSARY FOR INTERNA- TIONAL CEN- TER TBA	22 Larry Fahey	23
24	25 Mary Cunningham	26 5:00 PM SSL General Mtg, "DINNER & AUCTIONS" CELTIC PIG RESTAURANT	27 Jack Bowling Deanna Campbell	28 Susan Osborn Happy Thanksgiving	29 Murl McRae	30 ST. ANDREWS DAY FUN AT CELTIC PIG RESTAURANT

November Birthdays				
2-Jim Barr	14-Sam Bracken	18-Debby Pope	26-Jack Bowling	
8-Judith Bennett	14-Irene Stuart 21-Jyll Stuart 26-Deanna Campbell			
8-Lyle Graham 16-Bruce Campbell 22-Larry Fahey 28-Susan Osborn				
12-Dianne Holland	16-Caroline Mills	25-Mary Cunningham	29-Murl McRae	
Is your name is missing from our birthday list? Contact Anne Rivers at membership@scotsoflou.com to have your date added.				

	EVENTS AT A GLANCE
10/08/2019	7:00 РМ SSL Board Meeting
10/12/2019	"INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES AND FESTIVAL", German Park, 8600 S Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46217
10/19/2019	Kentucky Louisville Genealogical Society Presents "FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR" by CeCe Moore. Visit their website at https://kygs.org for more information
10/22/2019	7:00 РМ SSL General Meeting – "HALLOWEEN STORIES", Scott Robinson
10/26/2019	6:00-11:30 рм " <u>Masquerade Mystique Gala</u> ", Scottish Rite Temple, 200 E. Grey St., Louisville.
10/27/2019	<i>"Кіккінд</i> " – 10:45 дм, at the Okolona Presbyterian Church, 8015 Shepherdsville Road, Louisville.
10/29/2019	"FUN" DRAISER at Kingfish Restaurant, 3021 River Rd, Louisville, KY 40207 Contact Robbin Goodin
11/10/2019	<i>"Кіккінд</i> " – 10:00 ам, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1015 East Main Street, New Albany, Indiana.
11/12/2019	7:00 РМ SSL Board Meeting
11/21/2019	SAVE THE DATE: NOTE DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE 70 th Anniversary for University of Louisville International Center Celebration. Details are yet to be arranged. Watch for more information in future on our website or an email blast. Contact Robbin Goodin.
11/26/2019	7:00 PM SSL General Meeting – "DINNER AND AUCTION" and presentation of the Alex Rose Award. Bring peanut butter for the Portland Avenue \Community Trust.
11/30/2019	St. Andrews Day Fun at the Celtic Pig Restaurant (Live Music)
	NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER
1/25/2020	Burns Night Gala, Woodhaven Country Club, 7200 Woodhaven Rd, Louisville, KY

FUTURE EVENT



Family History Seminar October 19, 2019 8:30 AM -4:45 PM Louisville Genealogical Society



Seminar Lectures with CeCe Moore

Autosomal DNA: Discovering Your Ancestors In You Creating and Utilizing Genetic Networks in Your Research Genetic Genealogy Case Studies Law Enforcement and Genetic Genealogy Members \$55 Non Members \$65 Lunch Included—limited to 300 people.

Holiday Inn Louisville East - Hurstbourne 1325 South Hurstbourne Louisville, KY 40222 See website for more info <u>https://kylgs.org/</u> Contact <u>Jane Seelig</u> for more info @ (502)368-1513

FUTURE EVENT



MASQUERADE MYSTIQUE GALA TO BENEFIT THE SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION

October 26, 2019 6:00 -11:30 PM

Join us for an evening of elegance and mystery to benefit the Louisville Scottish Rite Foundation. Enjoy dinner, music, dancing, bourbon Tasting, silent auction, and photo booth in a beautiful and historic location. Proceeds support the Louisville Childhood Language Development Center.



Mark Your Calendar Today!

When: October 26, 2019

Where: Scottish Rite Temple Tel: e(502) 584-6185

200 East Gray Street

Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Time: Saturday: 6:00 to 11:30 PM Black Tie & Mask Optional

TICKETS: \$75.00 PP

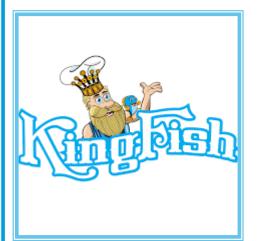
Music: By the Doo Wops & The Wulfe Bros

FUTURE EVENT



Kingfish Restaurant "FUN" draiser

October 29, 2019 Any Time on Tuesday
For Eat-in or Carry-out
When you pay your bill present the Flyer and 25%
of the bill will be donated back to the
Scottish Society of Louisville



Click Here for Official Flyer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

When: October 29, 2019

Where: 3021 River Rd, Louisville, KY 40207

Time: Anytime ON TUESDAY

For more information contact Robbin Goodin Call at (502) 894-8863 or eMail by clicking on her name.

Flyer: https://scotsoflou.com/ssl-kingfish/

FUTURE EVENT

Okolona Presbyterian Kirking

October 27, 2019 at 10:30 AM SSL Members are invited!

When: October 27, 2019

Where:

Okolona Presbyterian Church 8015 Shepherdsville Rd, Okolona, KY 40219

Time: 10:45 AM

CONTACT JAMES HUGHES

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kirking



November 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM SSJ Members are invited!

When: November 10, 2019

Where:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 1015 East Main Street New Albany, IN

Time: 10::00 AM

CONTACT JAMES HUGHES

FUTURE EVENT

November 26th

Dinner & Auctions

November 26, 2019

Come and enjoy dinner and help raise money for the Scottish Society of Louisville with the silent auction and live auction.

At the Celtic Pig Restaurant & Pub



MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

When: November 26, 2019

Where: 217 E Main St Suite 104, Louisville, KY 40202

Phone: (502) 290-4846

Time: Tuesday: 5:00 PM until closing

The Scottish Rite, the Irish Society, the Hibernians, and the Louisville Pipe & Drums are invited. SSL Members are Free. Tickets for nonmembers are \$20.00/person for the heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet. Anyone can order from the menu at their own cost but requires you make a reservation. Come early. Cash Bar. Tickets will be available online through EVENTBRITE.



Tentative Schedule

Food (heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet) 5:00-7:30 PM
Presentations 5:30 PM
Silent Auction 5:00-7:15 PM
Live Auction 6:00-9:30 PM
Restaurant Closes at Midnight





2019 Silent Auction Themed Basket Ideas*

All Things Scottish Grandkids Goodies

Christmas Morning Coffee/Hot Coco Mini Bar in a Jar (tiny bottles of liquor)

Water of Life (Uisge Beath) Whisky Christmas Cookie Cutters/Dough Mix Pkg./Sprinkles/Tin

Car Care Kit in a Tub Christmas Morning Pancake Breakfast (pkg/Gift Basket

Scottish Books & Magazines Pkg. Food in a Jar (bottled soft drink & snacks)

Christmas Sundaes Toppings Chocolates (Individually Wrapped)

Greeting/Note Cards Fruit Basket

Kentucky Local & Kentucky Derby Items Sports Themed Gift Basket

All Things Pasta/Cook at Home Gourmet Popcorn Gift Basket

Manly Gift Basket Cheese & Crackers Gift Basket

DIY Art Caddie Perfect Pedicure Gift Basket

Elf Gift Basket for a Child Crock Pot Gift Basket

Waiting for Santa Snacks in a Jar Banana Bread, Honey Butter, Tea

Tea Lovers Gift Basket Family Game Night Gift Basket

Christmas Eve Wine Wait Anything You Want to Include

*Please let Judy know in advance name of the basket, contents, and total retail value of gift basket, so I can prepare the bid sheet ahead of time. Print them on a 3x5 card to give to me at our October Meeting. Or eMail me at: auctionchair@scotsoflou.com. Thanks! Judy Stubbs





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BEGINNER LEVEL Hereditary and Lineage Societies

Hereditary and lineage societies are organizations created to honor a specific heritage or event. Members of lineage societies must prove their descent of that heritage or event according to approved genealogical proof standards.

Membership in genealogical and historical hereditary and/or lineage societies is based on the researcher documenting an ancestor's descent from veterans of various wars, from pioneers, from specific trades, or other related organizations. Many national lineage societies have state chapters. Some examples of notable societies include the following:

- 1. Daughters of 1812
- 2. Daughters of the American Revolution
- 3. Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence
- 4. Founders and Patriots of America
- 5. Jamestown Society
- 6. Mayflower Society
- 7. Sons of Confederate Veterans
- 8. Sons of the American Revolution
- 9. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- 10. United Confederate Veterans
- 11. United Daughters of the Confederacy

Hereditary and lineage societies require a detailed application process for membership. The application form submitted by prospective applicants must be sufficiently documented to prove beyond any doubt the accuracy of the lineage connection. The application must contain detailed information, including specific source citations, and relevant copies taken from print,

filmed, and digitized sources documenting the connection between the ancestor and event being used to apply for membership. This information must demonstrate that the ancestor whose presence or action was legitimate enough to qualify descendants for membership.

Most of the required information on applications contains significant amounts of genealogical and historical data. For genealogists and historians, this could be very useful for research. While some societies restrict access to these records to approved society members only, a growing number are open to assisting researchers in general. Their obvious hope is that by doing so, it will encourage more people, especially the younger generation, to become active in their organizations.

Bryan L. Mulcahy

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LEVEL

Interviewing Family Members

One of the most overlooked genealogical research techniques is the personal interview. Many of these interviews would qualify as the equivalent of an oral history. Simply defined, oral history is a method of collecting historical information from individuals with knowledge about past experiences involving family members, historical events and related topics.

Because of the intensely personal nature of the interview, the information from such a session tends to be more subjective and evaluative than details found in a written document. Oral history enables people to preserve their voices for future generations who will have the advantage of hearing a person tell their story in their own words.

The most common mistake many researchers make is jumping to the conclusion that once their parents and grand-parents are deceased; there is no reason to explore further interview options. In reality, there are many other potential sources of information.

- 1. Neighbors (even if they were not friendly)
- 2. Classmates
- 3. Coworkers
- 4. Business associates
- 5. Clergy

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- 6. Former spouses
- 7. Teachers
- 8. Friends
- 9. Members of social clubs
- 10. Bartenders
- 11. Members of sororities/fraternities
- 12. Alumni organizations

The key to successful interviews involves planning. Interview sessions can progress beyond the basic whobegat-whom, and delve more deeply into the rich fabric of family history, such as relationships, quality of life, motivations, migrations, and the impact of these events on the family. When beginning the planning process, following these key points will put you in the best position for success:

- Determine what type of information you are seeking.
- Choose candidates who can best provide information from the list of options shown above.
- Most professionals recommend choosing older people first if you believe they have pertinent information.
- 4. If they pass away before being interviewed, their knowledge and insight passes with them!
- 5. Conduct some pre-interview background research and compile a list of questions.
- Design your questions in an "open ended" manner. An open ended question is specifically designed to encourage personal commentary versus simple "yes" or "no" answers.
- 7. Open ended questions should be designed to try and elicit facts, as well as feelings and descriptions. While you should always try to elicit such details as names and dates, remember that facts also include finding out how, why, where and with what results.
- 8. Decide what format you will use to conduct the interview. Will it be recorded in some format or be a simple one-on-one interview? If your intent is to record the interview, please make sure this is permitted by the interviewee.

Information gleaned from an interview can lead the researcher to a variety of primary and secondary records and indexes containing genealogical information in the United States, Canada, Europe, and the British Isles depending on where the immigrant ancestor lived before coming to America. Examples include the following:

- 1. Vital records
- 2. Probate proceedings
- Census records (local, state, federal, school, and employer)
- 4. Land/property records
- 5. Tax records
- 6. Church records
- 7. School records
- 8. Emigration records and any relevant details
- 9. Immigration and naturalization records

For more detailed information on this topic, I have a number of study guides on this topic that can be sent electronically. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

HAPPY RESEARCHING

Bryan L. Mulcahy



SCOTLAND FACTS FOR OCTOBER

- Hundreds of millions of years ago Scotland's landmass was once separate from England and Wales – it was joined to America and Greenland!
- 2. The official animal of Scotland is the Unicorn.
- 3. Scotland has more than 600 square miles of freshwater lakes.
- 4. In 1928 Alexander Fleming invented penicillin.
- In December Edinburgh gets around 7 hours of daylight per day, but in June it gets up to 18 hours.
- 6. Eleven Percent of all Nobel Prizes have been awarded to Scotsmen.
- Sixty One Percent of American Presidents are of Scots or Scots-Irish descent.
- 8. The shortest scheduled flight is 1 minute and 14 seconds long (1.5 miles) from Westray to Papa Westray in the Orkney Island of Scotland.

Information For Our New Members

Welcome to our new members. Coming into a new group can be a little scary, but know that if you have any questions, just ask. The people in the SSL are some of the friendliest you would ever want to meet. Here is a little bit of information to get you started:

- Read the newsletter and the website. All upcoming events will be listed both places. If you want more information, you can contact any of the board members. Their information is found on page 2 of this newsletter.
- All meetings will have a business meeting, some time to socialize, and a program.
- ♦ January/February brings our Burns Night Dinner. You won't want to miss that. There will be food, drink, raffles, entertainment, and an all-around good time.
- May starts our "Event" season. The Society sets up a booth at many local and state Scottish and Celtic events, and even a couple of out-of-state events. Don't be afraid. Jump on in and help us in our booth. It's not hard, and everyone will help. It is a great way to get to know some of the members and recruit new members.
- November is a really fun meeting. We have a potluck dinner and an auction. Members will be informed of what type of dish to bring according to last name. The auction is so much fun. Everyone is asked to bring at least one item, if they wish, to donate. Now, you will find that a lot of the items are things you would love to have, but some of them ... well, you just have to be there to appreciate it. Proceeds benefit the Heritage Fund, which helps promote the Celtic-related "studies" by individuals.
- In December, we do not have a meeting.

We hope that you will attend as many meetings as possible (hopefully all of them). We are so happy to have you as a part of the group.



Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund Committee is accepting applications for the dispersal of scholarship funds. The Fund helps support the efforts of SSL members to pursue studies of the many different aspects of Celtic culture, which may include music (piping, drumming, fiddling, etc.), art (dancing, weaving, etc.), language (Gaelic, etc.) and athletics (Highland games).

This Fund can also support a person's interest in an educational program or project that furthers the understanding of Scottish culture and history.

Scottish Society members in good standing can apply for funds or can sponsor non-members for scholarships.

The application form and guidelines can be picked up on the evening of the Society's monthly meeting from the Heritage Fund Committee Chairperson, James Hughes, or by e-mail at vicepresident@scotsoflou.com, or by using the online form here.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are March 31st and September 30th.

Find us on the Internet

You can find us on the internet in a couple of places.

Webpage: http://scotsoflou.com/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/ScotsofLou

Facebook:

http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Scottish-Society-of-Louisville/326984024109?ref=ts

On our Facebook page, you are welcome to add pictures from Society events, to post/share some Scottish history or information, or just say "hi."

Life Membership

Our Society offers a Life Membership Program. You can attain this status by paying a one-time membership fee of 10 times the current dues rate. At this time, a life membership for a single person is \$240. A family life membership is \$360.

Please see the Commissioner of Member Services, Annie Rivers, or for more details email her at membership@scotsoflou.com about our memberships. Remember, every *new* life member is acknowledged at the Burns Night Gala!

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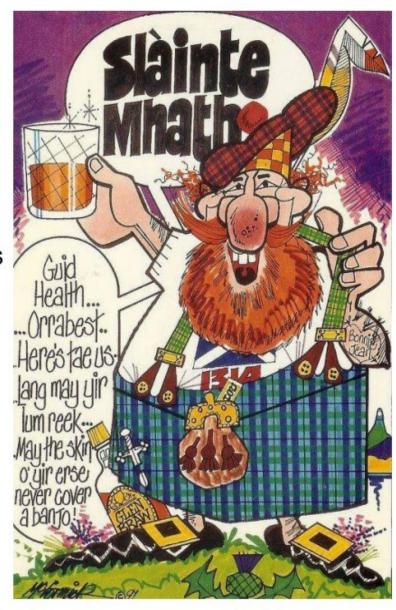
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The Caledonian Society of Cincinnati

www.caledoniansociety.org

Columbus Scottish Festival

www.scottishfestival.org/

Central Kentucky Heritage Society

pthdvg@email.uky.edu

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English Speaking Union

https://www.esuus.org/

Glasgow Highland Games

www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

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www.indyirishfest.com

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www.irishkyana.org

Kentucky Highland Renaissance

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Contact our Cheer Person

If you are aware of an illness, family death, or any other such situation a member is facing, please contact our Cheer person, **Jean Hughes**, by calling her at (502) 438-9811

Ongoing Events

The Louisville Pipe Band meets from 2 PM - 5 PM on Sundays at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 2233 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205. Contact the band at info@louisvillepipeband.org, or visit www.louisvillepipeband.org.

The Louisville Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drums meet from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Frazier International History Museum, 829 West Main Street in Louisville. Contact Carolyn Cook at (502) 551-2732, or visit www.lfrbagpipes.org.

The Louisville Scottish Country Dance Society meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2223 Woodbourne Avenue. For information, contact Paul Vice (evenings) at (502) 584-4222.

Change of Address, and other information

Help us keep our records updated! Changes to your address, telephone, *et cetera*, should be sent to the Scottish Society of Louisville, Commissioner of Member Services, P.O. Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232, or e-mail Annie Rivers at membership@scotsoflou.com